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PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN HU YO

SUBJ: 1976 ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT - HUNGARY

REF: STATE 218409

1. STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH PARA 8 REFTEL AND IN PARTICULAR DIRECTION GIVEN TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST TO DISCUSS WITH GOH CONCERN ABOUT STABILITY IN YUGOSLAVIA. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY IN PARIS, I GAINED IMPRESSION SECRETARY WOULD NOT APPROVE IDEA.

2. DEPARTMENT SEEMS TO CONCEDE THAT NOTHING IS TO BE GAINED BY SUCH DISCUSSIONS; IN MY VIEW THERE IS A GRAVE RISK. IF THE YUGOSLAVS FIND OUT THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING THEIR STABILITY WITH THE HUNGARIANS (AND THERE IS EVERY DANGER THAT EITHER THE HUNGARIANS OR SOVIETS WOULD INFORM THEM) GOY WOULD REGARD SUCH ACTIONS ON PART OF USG AS EITHER PROVOCATION OR NAIVETE AND MOST LIKELY THE FORMER. YUGOSLAVS UNLIKELY TO BELIEVE USG CONCLUDES HUNGARIANS COULD HAVE EVEN MARGINAL INDEPENDENT IMPACT ON SOVIET INTENTIONS WHICH IN ANY EVENT ARE NOT YET CLEAR.

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3. EVEN APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS AMONGST NATO NATIONS

CONCERNING INDEPENDENCE OF YUGOSLAVIA GENERATES
NERVOUSNESS ON PART OF GOY. DISCUSSIONS WITH GOH
WOULD BE A FORTIORI.

4. I REQUEST THAT EMBASSY BUDAPEST NOT PROCEED ALONG
LINES PARA 8 UNTIL SECRETARY PERSONALLY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY
TO EXAMINE REFTEL.
SILBERMAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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